

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended, and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

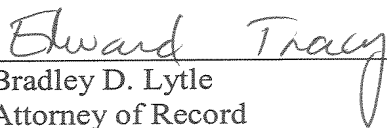
Claims 1, 4-9, and 11-17 are pending in this case. Claims 10 and 18 are canceled by the present amendment.

In response to the election requirement dated May 21, 2007, Applicant elects Group I, without traverse, identifying Claims 1, 4-9, and 11-17 for further examination on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1, 4-9, and 11-17 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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